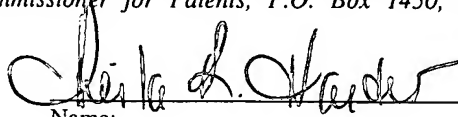




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office action dated March 13, 2006.

Claims 1-48 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 6-16, 19-23, 26-31, 34, 37, and 40-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vanhoye et al. (US 5,908,908) in view of Holguin et al. (US 6,706,836 B1), and rejected claims 2, 5, 17, 18, 24, 25, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vanhoye et al. in view of Holguin et al. and EP 0142172 A2 ('172). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

The present application was filed February 9, 2004. The Holguin et al. reference issued on March 16, 2004, *after* the present application was filed. Hence, the rejections of applicant's claims based on the combination of Holguin et al. and other references constitute "102(e)/103" rejections. Holguin et al., however, is commonly owned by the assignee of the present